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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 28, 1999, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-24, 28-30, 35-38, 40, 42-45, 48, 49, and 52-57, drawn to agents and methods for treating or inhibiting atherosclerosis, wherein the agent is an inhibitory protein, an inhibitory peptide, an inhibitory carbohydrate, and inhibitory glycoprotein, a substance obtained from a snake venom, or a substance obtained from a plant extract. Applicants hereby elect the species of inhibitory glycoproteins for prosecution. Claims 1-13, 28-30, 35, 37-38, 42-49, 52-57 read on the elected species. It is Applicants' understanding that the species election is for searching purposes only and upon a finding of allowability of the elected species, the remaining species will also be searched.

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SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call applicant's attorney at (617) 542-5070.

The undersigned authorizes the charging of any additional fees and crediting of any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

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